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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Deepak B. SALUNKE, et al) Group Art No.: 1617
Application No: 10/815,109)
Filed: 03/30/2004) Examiner: BADIO, Barbara P.
For: "Bile Acid Derived Steroidal)
Dimers...") Re: *Amendment and Response*
) Date: June 8, 2006

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on December 8, 2005. Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) in duplicate and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a)(3), for a three month extension of time. With the extension, the deadline for filing this response is due no later than

June 8, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.